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Poker Run Fundraiser to Benefit National Veterans Golden Age Games

OMAHA, **Neb.** — A poker run to raise funds for the 2015 National Veterans Golden Age Games is scheduled May 30.

The poker run will start at the United Veterans Club, 1914 W. Capital Ave, Grand Island, Neb., at 12:15 p.m.

During the poker run, participants will visit checkpoints, drawing a card at each one. The object is to have the best poker hand at the end of the run. The run will start at the United Veterans Club and then run 172 miles to York Offsides Tavern, Fairmont American Legion, Hastings DAV post, Kearney American Legion and finish at the Gibbon American Legion.

The first motorcycle out will be at 12:15 p.m. with the last hand drawn at 6 p.m.

The event includes prizes, door prizes, food, a live band and a silent auction.

Registration is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. To preregister, contact <u>coral.seldon@va.gov</u> or call 866-580-1810, extension 92102, or <u>Bradley.anderson@va.gov</u> or call 866-580-1810, extension 92305.

The cost is \$25 per rider and \$15 per additional rider. All proceeds go to support the 2015 National Veterans Golden Age Games, which will be held in Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8 - 12. It is being hosted by the Department of Veterans Affairs Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System.

The VA is also accepting applications from Veterans interested in competing in the games. Applications can be completed online at www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov, and will be accepted through May 15. Veterans ages 55 and older who are enrolled for VA health care are eligible to participate.

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About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System is a Joint Commission-accredited, level-1b facility, which consists of a tertiary medical center in Omaha, Neb., a medical center with a community living center in Grand Island, a multispecialty clinic in Lincoln, and six clinics located in Holdrege, North Platte, Norfolk, O'Neill and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa. VA NWIHCS is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23), which serves an estimated veteran population of 161,000 in 101 counties in Nebraska, western Iowa, Kansas and Missouri with an estimated 593,000 annual outpatient visits, and an operating budget of \$334 million as of October 2014.





